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Paris teens team up with Newark students

By Gilda Rogers
Staff Writer

EAST RUTHERFORD — French fries and teens go together like the components of a McDonald's Happy Meal. That same togetherness and universal appeal was apparent among the 21 teens from Paris, France, who hooked up with Newark area high school students in a two-week exchange program from April 15 to May 2.

Before returning to France, all the students gathered for a culminating luncheon and rap session held at the Meadowlands Sheraton Hotel to discuss major issues concerning youth violence, racism, global unification and pop culture. The exchange initiative was spearheaded by the International Resource Consortium, Inc. along with William Patterson University's African, Caribbean and Caribbean Studies Department, 100 Black Men and International Scientific Council for Island Development. The groups joined forces to cultivate dialogue and promote cultural enrichment amongst the teens.

Representatives from these alliances along with Parisian director of Jeunesse (Youth) Culture Leisure Technology Train-



Parisian exchange students (flanked by Willis Edwards III of 100 Black Men and Abdallah Bouhamidi, director of Jeunesse (Youth) Culture Leisure Technology Training, Abdallah Bouhamidi, conducted at times what became a very spirited roundtable session. In responding to the Columbine High School tragedy, where 15 people were killed, the students shared the same feelings about the massacre.

"I was not surprised with the incident in Columbine when you see movies like 'Menace to Society,' said Parisian student David Pedcheur. With one of his classmates interjecting that guns are as accessible for teens in France as they are in the United States.

Meanwhile, French pop culture — music, media and movies invariably has

had no influence on American teens, but the Parisian students were down with all the hottest American rap artists' hip-hop tunes and movies. Some students cited the worldwide acclaimed emphasis of American culture, as the reason.

Richard Spears, president of The 100 Black Men said, "From the beginning I was struck by how similar the kids from Paris were to our kids. That was enforced over the last week and a half — music, clothes probably even the same dances."

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New challenge for NJ cities

Poverty and stagnation
hamper the best of times

WASHINGTON—As America enjoys a strong economy, too many cities—including five in New Jersey—still grapple with high unemployment combined with "ghetto" poverty or lost population in even the smallest cities, a new federal report states.

The Housing and Urban Development Department's HUD report, "Now Is the Time: Places Left Behind In The New Economy," notes that Atlantic City, Camden, Jersey City, Newark and Trenton unemployment remains stubbornly above most central cities as it continues falling virtually everywhere across the country.

Despite impressive strides in "doubly burdened" cities—those with unemployment complicated by pockets of intense, "ghetto" poverty or population loss, both—remain in the slow lane, the study found.

In these cities, despite significant drops in unemployment during the period studied, poverty rates increased by 6.9 percent, 7.6 percent, 2.7 percent and 4.2 percent and 2.8 percent respectively. Except for Jersey City, with a 0.2 percent population gain, all five cities shrank in population from 1990 to 1996.

The report finds that while most cities are healthier than they have been in a decade, significant numbers have been left behind. It concludes that "America's economy offers the best opportunity in a generation" to help these communities now because of low unemployment, strong business growth, an aggressive urban agenda and a balanced federal budget.



Newark residents are enjoying a resurgence of pride and a more livable city these days. But a new HUD report finds Newark, Camden, Trenton, and many other cities still need help toward recovery.

"Today's report is important because it will help focus the nation's attention on communities stuck in the slow lane on the road to economic prosperity," HUD Secretary Andrew Cuomo said.

The report is based on unemployment, population loss and poverty rates of all 539 central cities—urban centers surrounded by suburbs, ranging from 15,000 people to millions of residents. The study found:

- One in six has unacceptably high unemployment. High unemployment affects 17 percent of central cities. By HUD standards, 50 percent of major above the national rate is unacceptably high.
- Even in cities with low unemployment overall, there are pockets of high joblessness. While unemployment has fallen over the past six years even in the cities with the highest rates, the decline has not kept pace with the lowest peacetime unemployment in over 40 years" that the nation enjoys.

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Jesse Jackson secures freedom for POWs

By George John

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) — Yugoslav authorities handed over three captured U.S. soldiers to the Rev. Jesse Jackson on Sunday. With tears and beaming smiles, the service men marked the end of their 32 days in captivity with calls home saying: "I am free."

The soldiers stood by solemnly with their hands behind their backs while a brief signing ceremony formally marking the transfer was held in a conference room in the Yugoslav army press center in Belgrade.

After signing two protocols with a Yugoslav army officer looking on, the invited Staff Sgt. Andrew A. Ramirez, Staff Sgt. Christopher J. Stone, and Spc. Steven M. Gonzales took their hands from behind their backs, saying they were no longer prisoners.

"I say to our young men who have been set free, we congratulate you for your honor and for your dignity and for your valor. You mean so much to us and to your parents," Jackson said.

Jackson wiped away tears as Ramirez, also crying, spoke to his family on a cellular tele-

phone. Stone and Gonzales, wearing broad smiles, also spoke to their parents.

"All three of them said almost to the letter in talks to their loved ones, 'I am free, I am free,' Jackson said. "I love you very much. I hope to see you soon. That was the message."

Along with Jackson and his interfaith delegation, the three then left Yugoslavia by bus, crossing into neighboring Croatia at 10:45 a.m. (4:45 a.m. EDT).

A U.S. military spokeswoman said the three would be flown from there to Landstuhl Hospital in Ramstein, Germany.

Stone, Gonzales and Ramirez, still showing the cuts and bruises they suffered when they were captured March 31, each thanked Yugoslav authorities.

"I'd just like to express my gratitude and thanks to the Yugoslav government for showing compassion," Stone said. "Our treatment was very humane."

Jackson said President Clinton had called him to congratulate him on the soldiers' release. The civil rights leader said he would meet with Clinton as early as Monday to deliver a letter from Yugoslav President Slobodan

Milosevic proposing a face-to-face meeting to end the five-week NATO air campaign and resolve the crisis over Kosovo.

Jackson had urged NATO on Saturday to appreciate Milosevic's gesture of releasing the soldiers by calling a pause in its bombing campaign.

Jackson had met with the three soldiers Friday in Belgrade, and the three told him of being held in isolation. The Friday meeting with Jackson was the first time the three had seen each other since their capture.

Stone, 25, was from Smiths Creek, Mich.; Gonzales, 22, from Huntsville, Texas; and Ramirez, 24, of Los Angeles.

The soldiers were seized while conducting a routine patrol along the Yugoslav-Macedonian border in support of a NATO force deployed in Macedonia.

Before their release, Ramirez's family members in Baldwin Park, Calif., were cautious. His grandmother, Mary Pantio, choked back tears, saying, "I just hope it's true."

In Huntsville, Texas, Gonzales' parents celebrated the news. "We can't wait to hold him," his mother, Rosie Gonzales, told reporters.

Senator Lipman battles cancer to the very end

By Carl Chase
and Jean Pierre

After nearly eight full terms of service and countless lives uplifted, State Sen. Wynona Lipman, champion of justice and help for women, children and minorities, lost a battle with cancer on Monday at her home in Newark. Lipman, the first black woman senator in New Jersey, was 67.

From her 29th Legislative district covering Hillside and a broad slice of Newark, she championed the relatively voiceless and powerless in society, from children to women to minorities.

"I admired Sen. Lipman for her ability to get so much accomplished despite obstacles in the rough-and-tumble of local politics," said her frequent ally, Rep. Donald Payne. "Her sense of decorum impressed her colleagues and often brought them around to her point of view."

U.S. Sen. Robert Torricelli called her one of New Jersey's "finest," who has "fought and won crucial battles to combat domestic violence and support children's education."

Lipman, a Georgian by birth, earned her Ph.D. at Columbia and a Fulbright Scholarship to study at the Sorbonne in Paris. She soon became Essex County Freeholder and as Assemblyman Leroy Jones said, "She was the steel magnolia of the Senate."

A life member of the NAACP, Lipman was among New Jersey's most powerful women.

"She was not only one of the most effective lawmakers in Trenton, but prior to that as a freeholder as well," said Gus Henningberg of the Minority Braintrust, which worked with Lipman in fighting for laws to open doors for minority and women's businesses. "Before her, there was no training ground, or clearings for minority entrepreneurs on (dealing with) purchasing or other key issues for



State Senator Wynona Lipman small business.

Lipman, one of City News 100 Most Influential of New Jersey in 1996, taught business and government at Essex County College, including 20 years of weekend seminars for minority and women entrepreneurs.

"She was soft-spoken and kind of jolly most of the time," said Carolyn Wallace, director of the anti-poverty International Youth Organization in Newark, who added Lipman was IYO's main supporter in getting appropriations for activities unfunded by government programs.

"But on issues she really cared about, she had her facts and figures and persuasive powers and she got the job done," Wallace said. Last year, Lipman helped IYO win \$25,000 in discretionary funding from the Legislature. Two youth supporter awards from IYO were among the many honors she received, including Senator of the Year.

The wake will be held today, Wednesday, from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Whigham Funeral Home, 580 Dr. Martin Luther King Blvd. (High Street), Newark. The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, May 13 at the adjacent St. James AME Church, 588 High St.

Patti sizzles in the kitchen

By Lucy Sanchez
Staff Writer

ORANGE — Hundreds of excited fans outside Tunde Dada's House of Africa awaited sizzling diva Patti LaBelle, and as she stepped from a limousine with her million-dollar smile, cheered and showered with Mothers Day gifts.

They swarmed the Philadelphia native, holding her own crowd. "LaBelle's Cuisine: Recipes to Sing About." With specialties such as Geechee Geechee Ya Ya Gumbo, Soy-Milk-Nutmeat Stewed Chicken and Gravy, Make-You-Wanna-Holler Maryland Crab Cakes and Don't Block The Blessing Dressing, LaBelle is about to win over thousands of fans.

"While reminiscing for this book, I realized why cooking has always been such a labor of love for me," she said. "Because it's a much about friendship and fellowship as it's about food. Because, behind the whole process—the shopping, the planning, the preparing, the serving—cooking is really about love. Cooking is a way to show it, share it, serve it. Cooking is as much about nourishment for the soul as it is for the stomach."

Finally waiting near the end of the line to have the legendary singer autograph her copy of the soulful cookbook, 23-year-old Robin Williams of South Orange vowed to cook every single recipe. Williams, who met LaBelle about five years ago, has cherished songs such as "You Are My Friend," "Over The Rainbow" and "New Attitude." "I love her spirit. Her singing and her voice are unique," stated Williams. "She really keeps R&B where it's supposed to be."

South Orange resident Franchesca Hunt was so excited that she jumped up and down. Hunt grew up hearing LaBelle's tunes in the 1960s. The 11-year-old said she not only loves LaBelle for her voice but also for her compassion. "She sings really good and she really cares



The diva signs copies of her book

about people," stated Hunt.

Amid the screaming fans and the long lines was new Tunde Dada employee Tabawn Farrar. After being employed for only three weeks, he said he was "thrown into the fire" with responsibility for crowd control, which he described as "wrestlingmania." He said Mr. Dada bought thousands of books and expected they would be sold by the end of the day.

Hitting the top of the New York Times Best Seller List, "LaBelle's Cuisine" has garnered fans everywhere. After winning eleven Grammy nominations, eight NAACP Image Awards, two American Music Awards and a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame, LaBelle expanded her thriving career to include success in writing as well as cooking.

Not only did she author the best-selling memoir "Don't Block the Blessings," but LaBelle has moved audiences for over three decades with her vocal sensations and her compassion. She is a spokesperson for the National Medical Association, the National Minority AIDS Council's "Live Long, Sugar" campaign, the National Cancer Institute, and the American Diabetes Association. LaBelle makes people feel like she's known them for years and gives a pure, down-to-earth feeling of warmth people take home with them.

Community Calendar

THURSDAY, MAY 12

ELIZABETH — March and demonstration in solidarity with Coalition for Unity and Progress starting at 5:00 p.m. at the Elizabeth City Hall, 500 Winfield Scott Plaza, ending at One Police Plaza. Contact Salim Ismail at (908)282-1610.

NEWARK — The New Jersey Historical Society will hold a discussion on America's fascination with cars and history of cars beginning at 5:30 p.m. (973) 596-8500.

MORRISTOWN — The Women's Association of Morristown Memorial Hospital will hold a lecture series on about today's artwork decorating homes at the Octagon Building. Call (973) 423-0424 for time.

SATURDAY, MAY 15

NEW YORK — The City Museum of New York will hold a discussion on the impact of Paul Robeson beginning at 2 p.m. (212) 534-1672.

NEWARK — National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Inc., presents a summit on the "Empowerment of Women in The New Millennium," beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the Essex County College on 303 University Ave., at the Burch Auditorium (908)241-9847.

PLAINFIELD — The Plainfield Recreation Division will be taking registrations for 1999 Summer Camp beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Park-Madison gazebo. (908)753-3057.

SUNDAY, MAY 16

SOMERSET — Single Faces Inc. presents a singles function at MCATEERS Restaurant beginning at 8 p.m. (732) 469-2522.

WAYNE — William Paterson University will hold a sale on authentic pianos at the campus student center beginning at 10 a.m. (973) 720-2995.

NORTH BRUNSWICK — New Jersey's amateur bowling enthusiasts are asked to join PBA Bowling Champion Parker Bohn, III at a Bowl-A-Thon to benefit the National Kidney Foundation at 12:00 p.m. at Carolan Lanes, 790 US Route 1.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 19

NEWARK — The People's Organization for Progress will host a birthday celebration and commemoration of the life of Malcolm X with a march starting at Broad & Market Sts., at 4:00 p.m. Contact (973)643-7171.

FRIDAY, MAY 21

PLAINFIELD — Sisters of Soul (SOS)

presents a "Back to the 70s" dance party at the Mohawk Lounge beginning at 8 p.m. (908) 753-2724.

MONDAY, MAY 24

SOMERSET — Somerset Culinary Institute presents its third annual event at the DoubleTree Hotel beginning at 6:00 p.m. The proceeds will benefit non-profit agencies. (908)725-1552.

THURSDAY, MAY 27

NEWARK — The New Jersey Institute for School Innovation presents "1,000 Friends of Public Education" Luncheon honoring Robert Kilay of the New York City Partnership at The Newark Club. Call (973) 621-0831 for time.

SATURDAY, MAY 29

BRADLEY BEACH — The Bradley Beach Parade Committee presents the annual Memorial Day Parade beginning at 10 a.m. (732) 775-0208.

SUNDAY, MAY 30

HOLMDEL — The PNC Bank Arts Center presents Lenny Kravitz beginning at 8 p.m. (732) 335-0400.

FRIDAY, JUNE 4

HOLMDEL — PNC Bank Arts Center presents Randy Kravitz. Call (732) 335-0400 for time.

SUNDAY, JUNE 6

MONTCCLAIR — Mid American Productions presents the Elysium Chamber Music Series of Upper Montclair featuring Elysium String Quartet at Presbyterian Church of Upper Montclair beginning at 4 p.m. (212) 259-0205.

MONDAY, JUNE 7

NEWARK — The Court date for Max Antonio, Victim of police torture by Irvington police that left him paralyzed, in a wheelchair, blind in one eye, deaf in one ear, even after 17 surgeries at the Essex County courthouse. Contact (732)255-8044.

SATURDAY, JUNE 12

PATERSON — Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. presents a scholarship dinner and dance at Wayne Manor beginning at 7 p.m. (973) 777-4412.

TINTON FALLS — The Monmouth Urban League will host its Sixth Annual Equal Opportunity Awards Dinner Dance at Gibbs Hall Officer's Club beginning at 6 p.m. (732) 345-7065.

Redeveloping West Africa



Atlantic City Mayor James Whelan, (left to right) with Honorable Dr. Peter Coleman, Minister of Health & Social Welfare for Liberia, Barbara L. Hudgins, Deputy Minister Saye, and Dr. John Regis at a recent reception to announce the redevelopment of the medical infrastructure in Liberia destroyed in a recent civil war.

The role of the scholar activist



Dr. James Turner (right), founder of Cornell University's Africana Studies and Research Center, a leader in his field and the model for black studies programs, delivered the fourth annual "W.E.B. DuBois Lecture," at New Jersey City University. Dr. Turner discussed his address, "The Role of the Scholar Activist," with (from left) Jessie Bonheur of Jersey City, NJCU freshman Carlos Parra of Paterson and Bianca Martinez of Jersey City; Dr. Antoinette Ellis Williams and Samuel McGhee, NJCU asst. dean of students.

The week of the young child



Giant Steps Learning Center of Newark celebrates the Week of the Young Child on April 23 as the Newark Municipal Council and Day Care Committee discussed America's future. Councilwoman Bessie Walker spearheaded the days events.

Caldwell students encourage environmental consciousness



Caldwell College botany and biology students gathered on the campus last week to encourage environmental consciousness during Earth Awareness Week April 18-24. This year's theme, Help Ensure a Living Planet (H.E.L.P.), included tree planting and analyzing local water samples. Above students prepare the ground for the planting of a holly bush.

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Nation Briefs

RALLY IN PUERTO RICO SEEKS JUSTICE FOR MUMIA ABU JAMAL

SAN JUAN (IPS) — Animated by rap songs and traditional plena music, more than 100 human rights activists demonstrated on Apr. 24 in front of the state prison in San Juan, known as Coto Blanco, demanding the worldwide abolition of the death penalty, the release of Puerto Rico's political prisoners and freedom for American death row prisoner Mumia Abu Jamal.

"The injustice committed against Mumia in the United States has everything to do with the repression and police brutality here in Puerto Rico against marginalized groups, like prostitutes and Dominican immigrants," said Ricardo Santos, University of Puerto Rico (UPR) student and Socialist Front member.

Abu Jamal, an African-American award-winning journalist, was jailed and sentenced to death in 1981 for allegedly killing a policeman in Philadelphia, Pa. His supporters claim he is innocent and that he was framed as a punishment for his journalistic exposures of police brutality and corruption.

April 24th was chosen by Abu Jamal's supporters worldwide as the International Day of Actions for Mumia Abu Jamal and Against the Death Penalty. Activities similar to the one in Puerto Rico took place in several cities around the world.

HOMELESS MAN WITH MENTAL ILLNESS CHARGE WITH PUSHING MAN ON TRACKS

NEW YORK (AP) — A judge ordered psychiatric tests for a homeless man who allegedly pushed another man in front of a subway train, severing his legs.

Judge Martin Murphy of Manhattan Criminal Court ordered the examination to determine whether Julio Perez, 43, is fit to stand trial on attempted murder and assault charges for shoving Edgar Rivera, 46, onto subway tracks.

Rivera, of the Bronx, was pushed onto the uptown tracks around 8:45 p.m. Wednesday just as a No. 6 train entered the ray station at East 51st Street and Lexington Avenue.

He screamed, "Oh, my God!" and tumbled into the path of the train, witnesses said. As he scrambled to lift himself to safety, two cars of the train passed over his legs.

Surgeons were unable to reattach Rivera's legs. Bellevue Hospital spokeswoman Eleanor Hyman said Rivera's condition, listed as critical but stable after surgery, had improved slightly.

DEADLY BOMB CAMPAIGN TARGETS LONDON'S MINORITY COMMUNITIES

LONDON (AP) — Gathering places for the capital's minorities are the focus of a murderous anti-bombing campaign that has claimed three lives and injured more than 115 people in two weeks.

"Although the attacks have been targeted on minorities, these are attacks on the whole of the community, on all of us," commissioner Sir Paul Condon said, disclosing that police were questioning one man in the bombings.

A shadowy, neo-Nazi group called White Wolves claimed responsibility for Friday's explosion in the Admiral Duncan. All the White Wolves "high command" provided were identical stenciled death threats sent to members of the Jewish, black and Asian communities in recent weeks, saying in part: "Notice is hereby given that all non-whites (defined by blood, not religion) must permanently leave the British Isles before the year is out. Jews and non-whites who remain after 1999 has ended will exterminated."

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Mother eated about her son meeting with the Rev. Jesse Jackson

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Vivian Ramirez isn't wearing sunglasses to hid her tears and anyone.

She smiled broadly Friday as told reporters about watching a videotape of her son, captured Staff Sgt. Andrew Ramirez, who was shot in his arm around the Rev. Jesse Jackson.

"I felt very emotional... God, if I could've been there, I could've gone in there and just hugged him," the mother told reporters at a news conference after viewing the tape of Jackson's visit with the three captured U.S. soldiers.

Ramirez, 24, Christopher J. Stone,

25, of Smiths Creek, Mich., and Steven M. Gozales, 21, of Huntsville, Texas, were captured while patrolling the Yugoslavia-Macedonia border on March 31, seven days after NATO launched its bombing campaign in Yugoslavia.

The three were in good health and received enough food and regular exercise. They had not been allowed to meet with any Westerners until a visit by International Red Cross officials this week.

The mother said she didn't know Jackson's efforts would help speed the

release of her son.

"Hopefully, he will. Hopefully, I pray he will. But I can't really say," she said.

Ramirez appeared healthier, albeit a little thin, compared with the first video released by Yugoslav authorities just after his capture when all three soldiers had battered faces, his mother said.

A previous letter from her son and the videotape have helped her cope with the ordeal, she said.

"It was worse before when I didn't hear anything, just the pictures they were showing from early times. That

was unbearable," she said.

"Now that I've got his first letter, saw that he had a good print (handwriting)... First thing I noticed was his print. Yes, that was my son, that was my print. Then I noticed he wasn't weak or anything I so knew he was OK."

The mother and her daughter also sent Ramirez a cassette with a taped message.

"I just told him that I loved him very much, I told him to take care, not to worry, that we were doing all we could to bring him back home," she said.

Embattled black police Chief Demery resigns

BEAVER FALLS, Pa. (AP) — A former police chief whose tenure included a riot, a federal lawsuit, a complaint about racial discrimination and charges of using city property for personal gain has resigned.

Rodney Demery, 33, resigned from the Beaver Falls police force on Friday in a deal with the city that includes dismissal of two counts of using a city credit card for personal purchases. He will receive \$10,000 in severance pay and will drop a racial discrimination complaint filed with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission in Pittsburgh.

Demery joined the Beaver Falls police force in 1994, and became the city's first black police chief last year.

He filed a complaint with the EEOC in 1997, alleging harassment and racial discrimination. He settled that lawsuit for \$50,000 when he became chief, but filed a new complaint in January when he said the harassment didn't stop.

He was charged April 7 with using a city credit card to buy personal property. A factor in that agreement was Mayor Lori Monack's refusal to testify. Monack had told investigators that she didn't know Demery had a city credit card. But witnesses told police that she authorized the card for him.

City Councilwoman Diane Ward said that when the council learned that witnesses would contradict the mayor, the council decided "it was in the best interest of the city to accept Demery's severance offer."

Doing business with Africa



Ghana President Jerry Rawlings (right) and Carl Ware, senior vice president of The Coca-Cola Company, recently enjoyed some time together at the Corporate Council on Africa's gala dinner held in Houston. The company is the sponsor of the state dinner at the upcoming Fifth African-American Summit to be held in Ghana's capital city of Accra in May.

Survivors who escaped school massacre bear burden of life

By Arlene Levinson

LITTLETON, Colo. (AP) — The first night after he fled Columbine High School with his life and not an outward scratch, 16-year-old Grant Taylor dreamed he was a hero, wounded yet able to pull other students to safety.

The second night, he dreamed he was wounded and dying.

Although happy that he escaped, the 16-year-old boy says he still feels a heavy somnolence just a week later that he felt angry, and guilty. "I kind of wish I was there in the living, helping kids."

He call it survivor guilt.

Kids who ran away from the gunmen or hid under tables or in closets. Kids who saw classmates die or shot and bleeding. Teachers unable to help the kids in their care. Frantic parents forced to stand behind police lines for hours while children remained trapped in the school.

Long after the victims are buried and the scars faded, remorse can torment those who live through catastrophes.

Guilt has followed grief since April 20, when Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold killed 12 fellow students, a teacher and themselves.

"I feel like it's not fair," said Megan Frye, 14, a Columbine freshman.

Her mother, Debra Frye, stood close by her side as the pair walked arm-in-arm visiting the makeshift shrine of flowers and messages spread over Clement Park, next to the tightly guarded school-turned-crime scene. With her daughter shaken and momentarily without a school to attend, Debra Frye took off the week from her job as a landscape architect.

Megan hid her tears behind sun glasses, but said she also felt fortunate. "I just feel so lucky to still be here."

The more the survivors witnessed, the greater the sense that they might have done more.

The guilt usually comes later, when they feel that they might have been able to do more to help themselves or to help their friends," said Jeff Dalgien, chief of psychology at Children's Hospital of Denver. "But what they don't understand is these kinds of situations take their autonomy away. They're immobilized."

They'll need support and caring

listeners. He said. They may experience flashbacks, terrifying dreams and odd reactions to unrelated events, such as loud noises or setting fire to a new school. They may become clingy and dependent.

Parents, too, may suffer guilt. Dolgan said. "A parent might have been restrained from doing something. Within 10 minutes the parents might have got there (to the school during the siege) and the police said 'You can't save your own babies.'"

Greg Martinez was grateful that his 16-year-old, Laura, escaped unharmed from Columbine where she was a junior, but his gratitude is tinged with regret.

"We feel for the other parents like anybody would," Martinez said. "You almost feel guilty about, you know, having your kid get out. Because we have a lot of friends in the community. She played soccer with a lot of these girls. As a matter of fact, we attended three funerals this week, and it's been hard for us."

Worried parents have sought counseling help for youngsters who escaped, said Tom Olbrich, a social worker in charge of emergency services at The Jefferson Center for Mental Health in Arvada, a private, nonprofit agency acting as a clearing-house for those seeking counseling as a result of the killings.

One woman reported that her daughter was feeling a lot of guilt, "wondering why she should live when other people died."

Another girl, who was splattered with blood, replays the scene in her mind like a continuous mental video: "The felt wet, hot, sticky blood, and kept feeling like she can't get it off her."

That's a normal kind of response," Olbrich said, "to an abnormal kind of situation."

His own 15-year-old son, Ryan, reports nightmares of snipers at the school — even though he never went to Columbine.

Olbrich said those who feel guilty for making it out alive need to be reassured that they can celebrate their survival.

To be under a table means you did it to save your own life," he said. "Or when they got outside, did they say kind words? Did they hug somebody? We have to help them understand. They were brave to go to the vigil, brave to go to the funeral."

African family must unite, 'Panafest' chairman implores

By Brandt Williams

What colonialism, imperialism and slavery have produced, among other things, are individuals who have what psychologists call schizophrenic personalities, said Mohamed El-Ashhab, Ph.D., chairman and president of the Panafest Foundation and former Minister of Culture for Ghana.

Abdullah, who appeared at a recent Insight/KMOJ Public Policy Forum in Minneapolis asked to offer a prediction of the state of African people in the year 2050. And while his assessment of the current condition of Africans on the continent, and in the Diaspora, may sound bleak to some, Abdullah said colonialism, imperialism and slavery can also be responsible for the growth and prosperity of Africa.

"Looking into the future — out of bondage, out of the jaws of slavery, colonialism and imperialism we have, in the Diaspora, a very big population of powerful people," said Abdullah. "Individuals who have gone through the fire, who have been baptized by fire, who are strong — some of the strongest people physically, emotionally, and spiritually on this planet — (are) poised at the threshold of the third millennium."

Abdullah was in the Twin Cities as a member of a Ghanaian delegation traveling to several cities in the United States to promote Panafest '99, Panafest, the Pan African Historical Theater Festival, is held every two years in Cape Coast and Elmina, Ghana. The theme for this year's celebration is "Uniting the African Family: The

Agenda for a New Millennium."

According to Abdullah, there are two which can be taken to the year 2050. The first is the road the world is currently on — and that is the further exploitation and destabilization of the continent. Not only will the further degradation of Africa come through the efforts of European and American financial interests, Abdullah said it will happen because African Americans will continue to use the Western, individualist philosophy which condones the exploitation of natural resources.

If we continue on this road, said Abdullah, then in 2050, Africans everywhere will be worse off than they are now.

The other route, said Abdullah, will involve the collaboration between Africans on the continent and in the Diaspora. "As an example, Abdullah referred to the power of Israel, a country which didn't exist before 1948. As a result of the lobbying efforts and cooperation between Jewish Americans and Jews in Israel, the country has become "a power to reckon with," said Abdullah.

"(Benjamin) Netanyahu is one of the most arrogant individuals I have ever seen, and he irritates the hell out of people in Washington, D.C. He is one can't do anything about it," said Abdullah. "The American government, both the Democrats and Republicans, will make sure that Israel gets what it wants, because of the power of the Jewish Diaspora."

Brandt Williams is an editor for Minnesota's Insight News.

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BUSINESS CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, MAY 12

JAMESBURG — The New Jersey Chamber of Commerce hosts a chamber breakfast with state treasure James DiLillo at the Forsgate Country Club beginning at 8 a.m. (609) 859-7888.

THURSDAY, MAY 13

MIDDELTON — The New Jersey Technology Council offers course in implementing a strategic marketing plan at the law offices of Giordano, Haleran, and Ciesla beginning at 8 a.m. (609) 452-1010.

BARITAN — The Middlesex Chapter of the New Jersey Association of Women Business Owners presents a business and industry expo at the New Jersey Convention at the Baritan Center beginning at 8 a.m. (732) 651-1495.

EDISON — Middlesex County College hosts its 14th Annual Job Opportunity Fair at the school's Physical Education Center beginning at 9 a.m. (732) 595-2556.

MONDAY, MAY 17

NEWARK — The Regional Business Partnership holds its 11th Annual Awards Breakfast at the Newark Club beginning at 8 a.m. (973) 522-0099.

PRINCETON — The New Jersey Technology Council hosts a seminar on creating value through technology spinoff at the Princeton University beginning at 4 p.m. (609) 452-1010.

TUESDAY, MAY 18

NEWARK — The Regional Business Partnership and NJ Transit holds a seminar on job related benefits and conduct entitled "Improving Employee's Bottom Line: Why Improving Employees' Morale at the New Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (NJTPA) office located at One Newark Center beginning at 8 a.m. (973) 491-7108.

EDISON — The New Jersey Society of Certified Public Accountants (NJSCPA) will host its Sixth Annual Business & Technology Show 2000 at the New Jersey Convention and Exposition Center beginning at 8 a.m. (973) 226-4494.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 19

EAST ORANGE — The Black United Fund will host a seminar on the power of money called "The Rules of Wealth" at the Black United Fund beginning at 8 a.m. (973) 252-5253 for information and time.

SUNDAY, MAY 23

HASHINGTON — The U.S. Small Business Administration hosts "Small Business Week" A week full of seminars and workshops for small businesses at the Renaissance Washington Hotel. Call (202) 205-9435 for more information.

Bell Atlantic Chairman Ivan Seidenberg receives Mickey Leland Award for "Excellence in Diversity"

WASHINGTON — The Mickey Leland Award for "Excellence in Diversity" was given to Ivan Seidenberg, Bell Atlantic chairman and chief executive officer, by the National Association of Black Telecommunications Professionals (NABTP). The award was presented at a ceremony held during the NABTP Eighth Annual Convention in Washington, D.C.

In words and deeds, Ivan Seidenberg has demonstrated both Bell Atlantic's corporate and his personal commitment to the African-American, Hispanic and the other minority groups that define the cities and towns served by Bell Atlantic, said Monica Huddleston, president of the NABTP.

During the awards ceremony

Huddleston cited a number of Bell Atlantic commitments and actions that promote diversity, including:

Bell Atlantic's pledge last year to the U.S. Small Business Administration to increase corporate purchasing and sub-contracting from minority-run businesses to the tune of \$1 billion by the year 2000.

Bell Atlantic's pledge in January to have minority investment firms manage \$50 million of Bell Atlantic pension fund assets.

Seidenberg's direction of more than 80 percent of the Bell Atlantic Foundation's \$33 million annual budget to assist schools, libraries and other community-based organizations that benefit minorities.

Seidenberg's strong assurance to Bell Atlantic employees that minorities will be well represented throughout the ranks of the company when Bell Atlantic and GTE merge.

Huddleston noted that currently more than one quarter of Bell Atlantic employees is composed of minorities, with many serving as directors and some in even higher positions.

The NABTP's Excellence in Diversity award is named after the late Congressman Mickey Leland (D-Texas), who was a strong supporter of diversity in telecommunications.

Leland believed that information highways, like the Freedom Riders of the

1960s, would help transform Black America and usher in equality and economic empowerment.

Leland also was one of the first advisors to the founders of the NABTP, a non-profit organization. The National Association of Black Telecommunications Professionals is comprised of a powerful network of professionals with diverse backgrounds in the telecommunications industry, including small business owners and students.

The Association seeks to fulfill Leland's belief in telecommunications by educating and informing its members, the industry and the public on matters pertaining to the use of telecommunications to enhance career development and spur economic growth.

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Teachers get high marks on computer knowledge, though classes ill-equipped

TRENTON — A new university survey reveals that New Jersey teachers have made great strides in learning to use computers and the Internet. But, the technology is not available in many classrooms in the state and their use is not being emphasized in teaching. The study, conducted with Garden State high school teachers, is the third in a series attempting to gauge how well schools are preparing students to enter the work world.

Teachers keeping up on technology

The survey, sponsored by Rutgers Business School, the state Chamber of Commerce and Arthur Andersen, concluded teachers are doing an excellent job keeping pace with emerging technologies. Eighty-six percent of respondents owned a personal computer, 91 percent could find information on the Internet and 94 percent could use a word processor.

Given that the Internet is still relatively new and that personal computing has come into its own in recent years, it is surprising that these numbers are so high," said Howard Tuckman, dean of Rutgers Business School. "It demonstrates the rapid pace at which technology has permeated everyday life."

"This is great news because computers, the Internet and word processing programs are fundamental tools in business," said Chamber President John Verplank. "Teachers need to be well versed in these technologies so that students can be prepared to enter the workforce."

Curriculum and computer equipment remain behind

While teachers are familiar with the latest technologies, the integration of computers and the Internet into instruction is not keeping pace. Nearly 65 percent of teachers reported having a computer in their classroom. However, the average was only 4.6 computers for the average class of 22 students. Eighty-nine percent had a computer lab available to students and 43 percent had an Internet connection in their classroom. But only 33 percent had all three.

"You could look at these numbers and say New Jersey has made great strides in recent years," continued Verplank. "But when you consider the business landscape in New Jersey, this is not a flattering picture. A computer is standard issue for most jobs today and students need more exposure on a regular basis."

While almost half of teachers thought computer skills crucial to job success, only 12 percent stressed this skill in their classroom. Forty-six percent of New Jersey teachers did not require students to use any type of word processing, Internet browser, database or spreadsheet software.

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SATURDAY, MAY 15

SOMERSET — First Baptist Community Development Corporation hosts a family fun day picnic and celebrity outing at Buccinelli Park in New Brunswick beginning at 9 a.m. (732) 247-9531

SUNDAY, MAY 16

NEWARK — The African Globe Arts & Entertainment in association with Newark Symphony Hall presents a gospel showcase concert beginning at 8 p.m. (973) 624-1554

PLAINFIELD — Faith Tabernacle Church presents a women's day conference on family and worship beginning at 7:30 p.m. (908) 757-6358

WEDNESDAY, MAY 19

PATERSON — New Christian Tabernacle Church Family hosts a mortgage burning program at New Christian Tabernacle Church of God in Christ beginning at 4:30 p.m. (973) 942-8650

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The solutions to our problems are within us

By Juniors Ricardo Stanton

"Counsel in the heart of man is like dew, but the man himself of understanding will draw it out." Proverbs 20:5

The only voice that can sustain a people is the inner cultural wisdom of that people. We've bought and paid doubly for the Eurocentric image. Let's now try the African-centered substance and quality-bring it into our homes, add, compases, prisms, pulps, politics and institutions." Haki R. Madhubuti

The Nation of Islam's Elijah Muhammad aptly referred to Africans in America as lost — meaning we had lost our names, culture, sense of self and purpose. Any serious student of our history or astute observer of our current situation would conclude that we are lost, devoid of a group identity, goals, direction or functional cohesiveness. We are

lost because those who brought us to this hemisphere chose to subject our ancestors to a process that attempted to break their spirit, dehumanize them and transform and acculturate them to a Western brutal and forced servitude.

Africans were taught to hate everything about themselves, to view their homeland with contempt, to be ashamed of their deep melanin, hair, features — their very essence. They were told they were ugly, that Africans had no history, had contributed nothing to human progress and were at the bottom of the evolutionary ladder.

It lasted through chattel slavery, was modified and intensified into a racial cast system following Reconstruction, and was amended again into an invidious policy to foster the dependency and mental lethargy we experience now. The results are lost.

And, unlike in earlier times, our current leaders lack vision of how best to ameliorate our situation. There are no Richard Allen, Paul Cuffe, Frederick Douglass, "Pap" Singletons, Booker T. Washingtons, Marcus Garveys, Elijah Muhammads or Charles Houstons to furnish new ideas and actions to improve our lot.

Does this mean we'll remain lost? Certainly not. But, it does mean we have to be more diligent in our efforts to define our situation, formulate effective strategies and create institutions that will

serve our needs. We cannot turn to the people and system that has brutalized, exploited and demeaned us and expect them to assist in our recovery and regeneration.

So, what do we do? Where do we turn? Where do we go from here? As must as Booker T. Washington admonished us to, "Start where you are with what you have. Knowing that what you have is plenty enough."

Despite outward appearances, our situation is not hopeless nor is it irreversible. It is not divinely ordained that we remain on the bottom of an immoral and racist social order. We are equipped to overcome the vicissitudes of life and our oppression.

Life is meant to be lived from the inside out. The solutions to its problems are within us. We do not have to go outside of ourselves or our communities. The answers are closer than our very skin; all we have to do is draw them out. We have access to infinite intelligence (intuition), wisdom and guidance. Intuition (the still small voice) is always correct no matter how unusual or strange it may seem at the time.

We have access to the collective memories and guidance of the Divine Mind. All we have to do is reconnect to our source and draw it out. Answers will come, but we must be obedient and act upon them.

You may contact Juniors, Stanton at e-mail address: JRSwriter@aol.com

Local church will host a conference on women

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John P. Kee has won several

awards for his work. 1996 Grammy Award Nomination for Best Gospel Album by a Choir/Chorus Stellar Award for Song of the Year for "Show Up!" Dove Award for Contemporary Gospel Recorded Song of the Year from the Carolineland release, VIP-Victory in Praise Convention is one of John P. Kee's favorite projects he hosts every year. The VIP Convention attracts thousands of musicians, singers, choir directors come and participate in various music workshops and a live recording culminates the week's activities. John's 13 album discography includes 3 releases with the New Life Community Choir, 3 with Victory in Praise (VIP), 2 solo projects, one Christmas release, one children's project and a specialty project entitled "Surrender" featuring the female singers from the New Life Community Choir.

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FRIDAY, MAY 14

NEWARK — The University Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (UMDNJ) holds a day long forum on educating health professionals for culturally competent care beginning at 8 a.m. (973) 972-4267.

SATURDAY, MAY 15

NORTH BRUNSWICK — The American Heart Association offers a seminar on brain attack caused by stroke. Call (732) 821-2510 for location and time.

MONDAY, MAY 17

SOMERSET — The Mental Health Association in Somerset County presents the First Annual Chocolate Fantasy Benefit Fundraiser at the Doubletree Hotel beginning at 7 p.m. (800) 722-8520.

TUESDAY, MAY 18

EDISON — JFK Medical Center offers a course on infant care beginning at 7 p.m. (732) 632-1632.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 26

JERSEY CITY — Jersey City Medical Center offers a support group for breast cancer survivors beginning at 6 p.m. (201) 915-2273.

THURSDAY, MAY 27

NEWARK — Newark Beth Israel Hospital holds "Senior Day," which examines at situations affecting senior as part of its commemoration of Older Americans Month beginning at 10 a.m. (973) 925-7175.

GARWOOD — The Emmanuel Cancer Foundation will hold a fund-raising event at Crossroads Restaurant beginning at 6:30 p.m. (800) 232-3666.

PLAINFIELD — Cedarbrook School presents the Literacy Health Fair inside the school's multi-purpose room beginning at 8:30 a.m. (908) 753-3269.

Torricelli Lauds Passage of Lou Gehrig's Disease Resolution

Senate Passes Legislators' ALS Awareness Month Resolution

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Sen. Robert G. Torricelli (D-N.J.) lauded the Senate's passage of his resolution officially declaring the month of May as "National awareness Month."

Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), more commonly known as Lou Gehrig's disease, is a fatal, devastating disease that has no cause or cure. Each year, 5,000 new cases of ALS are diagnosed — over 13 new cases per day — and life expectancy is only two to five years.

Approximately 850 cases of ALS currently live with ALS. An estimated 300,000 Americans alive today will die of ALS and only through raising awareness can we hope to eliminate this disease.

Torricelli's resolution designates the month of May in 1999 and 2000 as "National ALS Awareness Month" in an effort to increase awareness of ALS and highlight a month-long series of ALS-related activities including public service announcements and educational campaigns nationwide. The legislation, passed by the Senate unanimously today, lays the ground work for legislation Torricelli will introduce next month.

"This resolution raises much-needed awareness for ALS," Torricelli said. "Many know ALS as the disease that stuck down Lou Gehrig, but few know the tragic effects ALS still has on its victims. Through increased funding, science has made great strides, but only through raising awareness can we hope to eradicate this devastating disease."

The ALS Association applauds Senator Torricelli for his efforts to conquer ALS," stated Mike Havlicek, President of The ALS Association (ALSA). "We look forward to working with him as he continues his quest to help the ALS community."

ALS has taken the lives of a number of prominent Americans including Senator Jacob Javits, actor Michael Zaslow, and of course, baseball legend Lou Gehrig's. The recent diagnosis of baseball Hall of Fame great "Catfish" Hunter has brought the spotlight back on ALS.

Natural remedies can save your life

NEW YORK — It's only natural. Using natural remedies could save your life, says Dr. James F. Balch, author of "10 Natural Remedies That Can Save Your Life" (Doubleday, \$19.95).

Simul, changes such as a regular walk and changing your lighting may

improve your health, says a new book. Balch's first book, "Prescription for Nutritional Healing," established him as an authority in the field of alternative and complementary medicine. In his new book, he shows readers how to protect their own health with such natural immune-boosters as

getting enough natural light and oxygen.

Some natural remedies Balch discusses in detail include:

- Barley grass — a rich source of nutrients.
- The Three Gs — garlic, ginseng and ginkgo

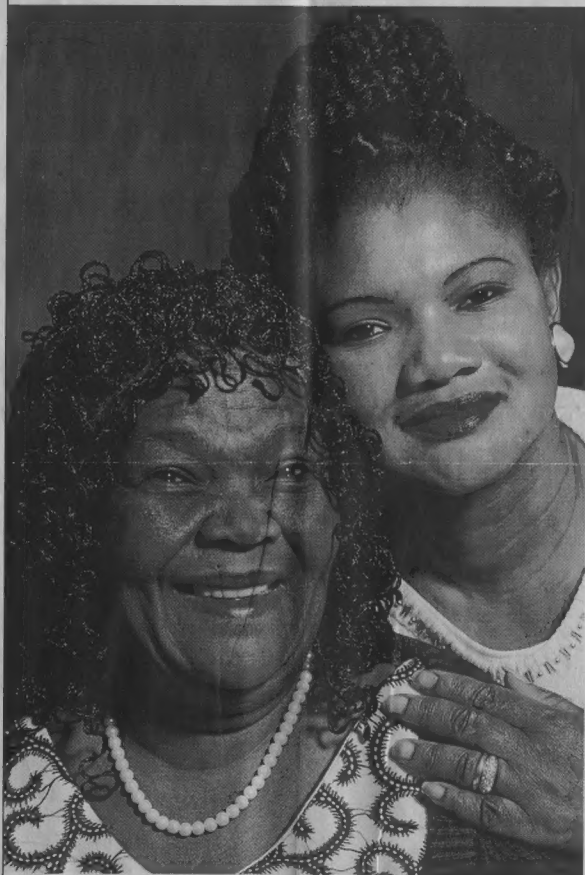
•Chelation Therapy — a natural process in which a combination of nutrients is used to cleanse the body of dangerous substances such as lead and arsenic.

•Natural hormone maintenance with safer, natural alternatives that reduce cancer risk.

"This book is a must read for those looking to better themselves health wise," said Balch. "These ingredients have been around for years and now everyone will notice the benefits."

The book is available wherever books are sold.

"You gave my mother a reason to get up each morning!"



Clementine Mensah has peace of mind at work since her mother started coming to Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center's Adult Medical Day Care Center.

"My mother lives with me. And though she got by on her own while I was at work—by sleeping late and passing time watching television—it was hardly living. I worried about her safety and health because she has diabetes, high blood pressure and some other minor ailments.

One day, I visited Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center's Adult Medical Day Care Center. I liked what I saw.

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THURSDAY, MAY 6

NEWARK — Newark Symphony Hall presents David E. Talbert gospel play "Mr. Right Now" beginning at 8 p.m. (973) 624-1584.

NEW YORK — The Beacon Theater presents the gospel play "Lord, Why do I Keep Choosing The Wrong Man" beginning at 8 p.m. (212) 496-1070.

FRIDAY, MAY 7

NEW BRUNSWICK — The State Theater presents Diane Schuur and the Duke Ellington Orchestra beginning at 8 p.m. (732) 246-7469.

NEWARK — The African Globe Arts & Entertainment in association with Newark Symphony Hall presents an R&B showcase at the African Globe Theater inside Newark Symphony Hall beginning at 8 p.m. (973) 624-1584.

NEW YORK — New Federal Theater presents the story of actress Rose McClendon in "Rose McClendon: Harlem's Gift to Broadway" at the Abbeys Arts Center beginning at 7:30 p.m. (212) 279-4200.

SATURDAY, MAY 8

NEWARK — The New Jersey Performing Arts Center (NJ-PAC) presents the Dance Theater of Harlem beginning at 8 p.m. 1-(888)-GO-NJ-PAC.

SUNDAY, MAY 9

RAHWAY — The Arts Guild of Rahway presents The Jazz '90 Series featuring The Bob Van Wyk Quintet beginning at 2 p.m. (732) 489-8228.

NEWARK — The African Globe Arts & Entertainment in association with Newark Symphony Hall presents "Fashion Show: Tour 2000" at the African Globe Theater located inside Newark Symphony Hall beginning at 3 p.m. (973) 624-1584.

NEWARK — The New Jersey Performing Arts Center (NJ-PAC) presents the Cleveland Orchestra beginning at 7:30 p.m. 1-(888)-GO-NJ-PAC.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 12

NEWARK — The New Jersey Performing Arts Center (NJ-PAC) presents the Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra with Wynton Marsalis beginning at 7:30 p.m. 1-(888)-GO-NJ-PAC.

SATURDAY, MAY 15

NEW BRUNSWICK — The State Theater presents the American Repertory Ballet Co. production of "An American Cinderella" beginning at 7 p.m. (732) 246-7469.

SUNDAY, MAY 16

BELVIDERE — Four Sisters Winery at Matrazzo Farms presents Spring Frollic Fashion Show beginning at 1 p.m. (800) 475-5871.

Sinbad's Soul Music Festival returns to St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands

Memorial Day music festival starts May 26

LOS ANGELES — For the fifth year, actor-comedian Sinbad will bring some of the world's favorite music acts to the Caribbean Sea for five days of music, shopping, dining and beach parties. From main stage music concerts to day-long beach parties, comedy festivals and nightly dining on spicy Caribbean cuisine, the annual Memorial Day Weekend event has become the preferred kick-off for summer activities for thousands of Americans.

Teaming up again with KMart, Sinbad's Soul Music Festival has become one of the grandest entertainment festivals in the Caribbean, bringing more than \$69 million into the Caribbean and Travel economy since its inception in 1995.

"I appreciate working with KMart because they offer families quality products at affordable prices and they have a great layaway program," Sinbad said. "I know this because my mom still has clothes on layaway. In all seriousness, I especially admire KMart for giving back to the neighborhoods where they do business."

An estimated 1,000 tourists from the 45 contiguous states as well as islanders from the U.S. Virgin Islands are expected to participate in the week-long festivities.

U.S. Virgin Islands Gov. Charles W. Turnbull applauds Sinbad's choice. "We are very happy to welcome the KMart Presents... Sinbad Soul Music Festival to our home. Both the public and private sectors of our community worked very hard to bring this prestigious festival to the USVI, and we know that our visitors and guests will enjoy the hospitality of this American paradise in the Caribbean," Turnbull said.

Sinbad added, "The U.S. Virgin Islands opened their arms to us as soon as we landed on this wonderful island. Gov. Turnbull came forward



Actor/comedian Sinbad will host his Fifth Soul Music Festival from the U.S. Virgin Islands on Memorial Day Weekend.

from day one and said, 'How do we help you make this happen?' You cannot know how much easier and more effective this makes our job. The excitement I feel about this year's festival could be likened to what a child feels the night before Christmas — thrilled and full of joy."

He said the local islanders made organizers feel welcomed, "not just in speech but also by their actions."

Sinbad's festival won the prestigious NAACP Image Award consecutively for two years in the "Most Outstanding Variety Series/Special" category. The KMart Presents...Sinbad's Soul Music Festival will be taped for pay-per-view to air in June.

Call the Soul Music Festival's toll free number, (800) 266-SOUL.

A Detroit artist shows off his work in TV Special

DETROIT — "Come unto Me: The Faces of Tyree Guyton," a 30-minute documentary celebrating artist Tyree Guyton's outdoor artscape in the heart of blighted Detroit, debuts Thursday May 27 at 7:30 p.m. (ET) on CINEMAX's "Reel Life" series. Filmmaker Nicole Cattell captures the story of Tyree Guyton as he remains true to his artistic vision, The Heidelberg Project, in the face of heated opposition from Detroit's city administration.

More than 30 years after the infamous Detroit riots, much of the inner city remains deserted, run down and neglected. Guyton took the very symbols of this neglect — a couple of rundown houses on a mostly abandoned downtown block, heaps of discarded household articles, even an old bus — and transformed them into an evocative expression of environmental art that has attracted art lovers and the curious from around the world.

Old shoes, clothing, household items, toys, car hoods, and several abandoned homes on the street formed the canvas of Guyton's unique expression of environmental art. He nurtured and expanded his surreal landscape armed with buckets of paint and a vision inspired by a passage spoken by Jesus Christ, "come unto me," in which even the outcasts among us are welcomed.

Turning the corner onto Heidelberg Street, Guyton's work is a stunning blend of colorful imagery, both fantastical and whimsical, that appears chaotic at first but then takes on a strange and haunting dignity.

In 1991, former Mayor Coleman Young ordered the demolition of four houses. Within a year, Grandpa Mackey passed away but not before telling Guyton, "You can't stop, regardless of what people might say, you've got to continue." Jenenne Whitfield, who just happened to turn down Heidelberg Street one day in 1963, was so inspired she became the executive director and has since led the revival of The Heidelberg Project.



Tyree Guyton sculptures, such as the one pictured here, have been the rage with art lovers around the world.

Berg Project. She brought a renewed sense of direction as Guyton struggled to bring the installation back to its original magnificence. And, she insured that his efforts received national and international recognition.

The Ric-Charles Ensemble comes to Newark

PLAINFIELD — The Ric-Charles Choral Ensemble will be performing its 19th Annual Spring Concert on Saturday,



The Ric-Charles Choral Ensemble

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1996 Olympic winner sprinted to victory

Years before the 1996 Olympics, when his only idea of the outside world came from a static-laced radio broadcast, the boy named Haile Gebrselassie decided to run.

The eighth of ten children born to a farmer's wife in a mud hut in Ethiopia, one of the world's poorest countries, he ran six miles to school and back, his books tucked in the crook of one arm. Like all of his siblings, he worked hard in the fields under his father's stern gaze. Haile, however, was known for his persistence, still chopping firewood or threshing wheat when his older brothers had given up, still goading oxen to pull the plow farther.

After the chores were done and after his daily three-hour trip to fetch the family's water, he would take off across the fields. Then he would run barefoot and in the same clothes he wore while working the farm.

He ran up hills under the hot African sun, down gullies and escarpments, following cowpaths and dirt roads. He skirted the big scyomores that dotted the plains and sprinted through tall grass. If he stumbled with a thorn in his heel, sobbing as his mother plucked it out, it wouldn't deter him.

Haile would do anything to keep running.

Walt Disney Pictures presents "Endurance," a story of courage and triumph from Edward E. Pressman and Terrence Malick's La Junta, LLC Productions in association with Film Four and Helikon Media. Filmmaker Leslie Woodhead, the film features actual footage of Haile Gebrselassie's legendary 10,000 m race at the

Atlanta Olympics, directed by America's chief sports documentarian, Bud Greenspan, with original music composed by John Powell and produced by Hans Zimmer. At first, Haile Gebrselassie seemed no different than other young Ethiopians who aspire to be great runners much like American boys dream of being basketball stars.

On the day in 1980 that the famous Ethiopian runner and national hero Miruts Yifter ran the 10,000 m race at the Moscow Olympics, Haile returned from his daily trek to fetch water. The house was deserted, the family in the fields. His father always hid the batteries for the radio, but the resourceful eight-year-old knew where to find them and crouching behind the hut, he listened to the broadcast of Yifter's dramatic victory.

It was well known among family members that one, Haile got an idea in his head, it stuck. He would become totally focused, stubbornly refusing to let anything get in his way. That day, Haile decided to be a runner like Yifter.

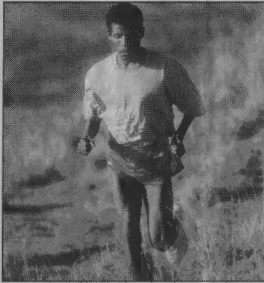
And from then on, there was no stopping him.

The image of winning firmly rooted in his mind Haile began to run more, longer, faster. Finally, at age 17, Haile decided to move to his brother's home in Addis. There he could focus and train with Ethiopia's junior team.

In 1994, Haile broke the 5,000m world record. In 1995, a string of world records followed. By 1996, at the age of 23, Haile was one of the distance runners at the Atlanta Olympics. Watch the story of Haile as he runs all the way from Ethiopia straight to a theatre near you on May 14.



An olympic & world hero, Ethiopian distance runner Haile Gebrselassie (top) found the strength and courage to win the gold medal not just for himself, but for his country. Below, Gebrselassie (left) plays himself in Disney's movie "Endurance." He is featured with his real life wife Alem Tellaahu.



The sounds of Africa echo through New Jersey

Kayaga of Africa are Bristol-Myers Squibb's artists-in-residence at the State Theatre

NEW BRUNSWICK —

First you hear the drums—the heartbeat of a nation. Then the powerful voices call in refrain, as the dancers summon the spirit of Africa through movement and music. This spirit resounds through Central New Jersey May 3-13, when the State Theatre presents Kayaga of Africa, a versatile music, dance, and storytelling ensemble from Uganda. Namu Lwanga, the Artistic Director of Kayaga, visits 13 different sites in New Brunswick and its surrounding communities. Accompanied by her Kayaga troupe, she also presents three performances at the State Theatre.

For the two weeks that Lwanga calls Central Jersey home, she is busy presenting a number of different activities. A professional development workshop for teachers entitled.

Although admission to the 7 p.m. performance on May 12 is free, tickets are required, and seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Tickets are available at the State Theatre Box Office located at 15 Livingston Ave., New Brunswick, NJ 08901. For telephone ticket orders or information call the Box Office at (732) 246-7469.

Award winning journalist explores black journey to fatherhood

Recent statistics show that nearly 23 million American children do not live with their biological fathers and almost 40 percent of children of divorced parents have not seen their fathers in the past year.

Experts also say that fatherless children are more likely to live in poverty, have psychological problems, abuse drugs and alcohol and do poorly in school.

The epidemic of the single-parent household is even more acute in the African American community where only 36 percent of black children live in households headed by married couples. According to award-winning syndicated columnist and author Leonard Pitts, the most immediate threat facing black children is the simple fact that black fathers are not at home. "In families characterized by strong black women and absent black men, it has given support to the disastrous notion that maybe fathers aren't really that necessary after all," Pitts says. "But fathers are more than just breadwinners. They provide a dynamic that's irreplaceable."

In his new book "BECOMING DAD: Black Men and the Journey to Fatherhood" (Longstreet, \$22.00), Leonard Pitts explores the issue of black fatherhood through personal anecdotes and dozens of interviews with black men across America. A three-time winner of the National Headliner Award and a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize in 1992, Pitts presents men from all walks of life who grapple with past pains inflicted upon them by their own fathers while they struggle to be good fathers to their own children.

Pitts himself grew up in a household with an abusive alcoholic father who was absent a great deal of the time and says a day never passes when he doesn't wonder whether he's a

decent father to his five children. His curiosity about whether other men wrestled with the same fears and inadequacies made him seek out some answers. "I started searching out black fathers who'd had difficult relationships with their own fathers, went to friends, neighbors, and family members, and groups that specialize in helping men to become better fathers," he notes. "The idea was to construct a conversation with my peers on the ways in which we, as black men, succeed or fail at making ourselves fathers, or better yet, dads."

In the many interviews Pitts conducted, the thing that repeatedly impressed him was that where fatherhood is concerned, black men have an eagerness and a need to unburden themselves of unspoken feelings and fears. "I spoke to drug dealers, businessmen, students, and others-asking fathers about their fathers and sons about their sons," Pitts says. "Men, who in my estimation and theirs, had failed to become good fathers were amazingly candid in discussing why and those who had succeeded in that quest against all reasonable expectations were just as willing to talk about how."

And the latter example is the story that gets missed, Pitts says. "While the perception of black men as failed fathers is real and abiding and must be dealt with, there are black men scarred by their own upbringings, who-by force of persistence and will make decent and honorable fathers of themselves," he notes. "Kids look for the guiding hand of a committed man. They deserve this and there's no excuse for the man who brought them into the world not to give it to them. This is a need that must be met now. So you pick yourself up from where you've fallen and you get on with it. You do the job."

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It is the intent of the Housing Authority of the City of New Brunswick to remove various trees and shrubbery from the grounds of Robert Johnson/Schwartz Homes (N.J. 22-1) and remove and seal the affected areas.

Sealed proposals on Contractors letterhead will be received by the Housing Authority of the City of New Brunswick in its office at 18 Van Dyke Avenue, New Brunswick, New Jersey 07060, on Monday, May 24, 1999, at 11:00 a.m. prevailing time. Late proposals cannot be accepted by calling Ms. Kevin Quince at 753-745-1037 during normal business hours.

Performance Bonds are not required for this proposal. Proposals are required to comply with the Insurance Requirements of the Authority and all requirements of P.L. 1975 c. 127.

The Authority reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and waive any formalities thereto. The Authority reserves the right to reject any period proposal. No proposal shall be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days subsequent to the opening of proposals without the consent of the New Brunswick Housing Authority.

The Housing Authority of the City of New Brunswick
Kevin Quince, Executive Director
\$ 52.84

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL CONFIRMATORY LBP TESTING

(Laboratory Chemical Analysis)

The Asbury Park Housing is requesting proposals from licensed and qualified firms for Confirmatory and Laboratory chemical analysis of required laboratory chemical analysis by certified laboratory.

Proposals will be accepted until 12 noon on June 14, 1999 at 12:00 noon.

If you are interested in providing these services please apply during business hours for a copy of Request for Proposal (RFP) at:

Asbury Park Housing Authority
120 Third Avenue
Asbury Park, New Jersey 07712
908-774-2860 ext. 849

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by the Housing Authority of the City of New Brunswick for Furnishing and Installation of Window Guards and Related Items in New Brunswick Homes (N.J. 22-3), located from the Operating Budget FYE 1999-2000.

Bids will be received by the Housing Authority at its office located at 18 Van Dyke Avenue, New Brunswick, New Jersey at 1:00 p.m. prevailing time, June 7, 1999 and will immediately be opened and read aloud.

The Instructions to Bidders, Bid Form, General Conditions, Supplementary Conditions, Specifications, and other Contract Documents will be on file during the business day, at the Housing Authority office located at 18 Van Dyke Avenue, New Brunswick, New Jersey. Copies thereof may be obtained upon paying a non-refundable deposit of Twenty Five Dollars (\$25.00) for each complete set. Deposit checks shall be made payable to the Housing Authority of the City of New Brunswick.

A PRE BID CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, MAY 17, 1999, AT 1:00 P.M. PREVALING TIME IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM OF SCHWARTZ HOMES, 18 VAN DYKE AVENUE, NEW BRUNSWICK, NEW JERSEY.

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The Housing Authority reserves the right to reject any and all bids, waive any formalities in the bid, and to accept or reject any bid which is deemed to be in the best interest of the Authority. The Authority may also award one or more contracts to one or more bidders.

Bids will remain in force for a period of sixty (60) days after the date of the opening thereof.

Order of Bid
Kevin Quince, Executive Director
Housing Authority of the City of New Brunswick
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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY AUDITOR

The Housing Authority of the City of New Brunswick is seeking proposals from Public Accountants/Certified Public Accountants to perform the annual audit of the Low Income Housing Program and Section 8 Certificate and Voucher Program.

Information packages will be available and can be picked up by all interested parties at the Housing Authority Office, 18 Van Dyke Avenue, New Brunswick, New Jersey. Proposals must be submitted in triplicate and must be received no later than Monday, May 24, 1999, right after the opening of proposals, in any proposal, and to reject any and all proposals, and to accept such proposals and make such award as may be in the best interest of the Authority.

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Housing Authority of the City of New Brunswick
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- Market St. & University St. at Bus Stop
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SALARY \$62,475.14 - \$84,633.00

Manages the office which solicits and disseminates those innovative and effective practices which promote high levels of students achievement, and oversees the implementation of many teacher and student recognition programs. Responsibilities also include: advising the Assistant Commissioner of Academic and Career Standards on priority issues, the development, planning, organization and supervision of the goals, policies, procedures and work processes of the office for the staff assigned. Requirements: Master's degree from an accredited college or university in education or related field. Seven years of professional experience in education programs, including four years in an administrative or supervisory capacity. Please forward resumes no later than May 1999. Applications received after closing date may be considered if position is not filled.

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SALARY \$51,547.23 - \$71,115.31

(4) POSITIONS AVAILABLE

The four coordinators will coordinate the statewide activities of the County Supervisors of Child Study and ensure consistency in the completion of required activities. Responsibilities include: oversight of monitoring activities, provision of regulatory technical assistance, review of required applications, reporting instruments, approval procedures, and corrective action plans.

Candidates must have knowledge of state and federal special education regulations; strong communication skills; mediation and facilitation skills; professional experience in the implementation of special education programs; experience in local education monitoring; and supervisory experience. REQUIREMENTS: Master's degree in special education or related field from an accredited college or university. A New Jersey educational certificate issued by the State Board of Examiners and/or other professional endorsement in Special Education, Teacher of the Handicapped, Learning Disabilities Teacher Consultant, School Psychologist or School Social Worker. Five (5) years of experience in programs providing special education. Preference will be given to candidates who have experience in supervision and quality assurance. Please forward resumes no later than May 28, 1999. Applications received after closing date will be considered if position is not filled.

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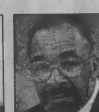
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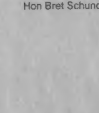
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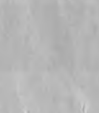
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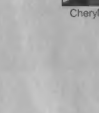
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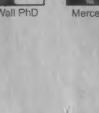
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